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Recommendation for Conference on Bloc Motor Vehicle Industries.

REFS : 1. I/TH memo dated 1 October 1956
2. I/TH memo dated 5 October 1956
3. I/TH memo dated 11 October 1956

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1. Informal discussions on the agenda for the forthcoming international conference on Sino-Soviet Land Armaments were held with representatives of [REDACTED] Department of the Army (ACSI) and ORR. It was decided that motor vehicles would not be included on this agenda. This decision was based on the fact that although the military use of motor vehicles is important, the other economic aspects of the subject are equally, if not more, important.

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2. Reference 2 recommends that [REDACTED] conference on the economic aspects of the Sino-Soviet Bloc motor vehicle industries be sponsored by ORR/CIA. Reference 3 outlines a proposed agenda for such a conference.

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3. There are several factors which should be considered in support of holding a conference on this subject. They are:

a. Motor vehicles are not weapons and this conference take the subject out of the land armaments context in which it has been considered in the past.

b. Such a conference would permit full consideration of all aspects of the Sino-Soviet motor vehicles industries.

c. This conference would permit ORR to present its extensive accomplishments in this field to the international intelligence community.

d. Such a conference, sponsored by ORR, would serve as a means of asserting CIA's primary responsibility and competence in the field of economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet motor vehicles industries.

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4. It is therefore recommended that CIA sponsor such a conference in Washington and that representatives from [REDACTED], Department of the Army (ACSI) and AFOIN-3 be invited to participate. It is further recommended that this conference be

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held on 13 and 14 December. This date was selected for the convenience of the [REDACTED] delegation which will be attending the Land Armaments conference [REDACTED]

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5. It is requested that the Special Assistant to the AD/RR examine the administrative and financial aspects of the proposed conference so that these data will be available for making a decision on this recommendation.

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Attachments:

1. Reference 1
2. Reference 2
3. Reference 3

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